

Abraham Lincoln papers

From Beaufort South Carolina Baptist Church to Abraham Lincoln, January 1, 1863

Extract from the Minutes of the Baptist Church of Christ in Beaufort, S. C.—

"Beaufort, Jany 1. 1863.

"1. Resolved, That we all unite, with our hearts & minds & souls, to give thanks to God for, this great thing that He has done for us; that He has put it into his (Mr. Lincoln's) mind — that all should come to this very stand, according to the will of God, in freeing all the colored people. We believe that Jesus Christ will now see of the travail of his soul, in what he has done for us.

"2. Resolved, That we all unite together to give Mr. President Lincoln our hearty thanks for the Proclamation. We are more than thankful to him & to God, & pray for him & for ourselves. May the blessing of God rest upon you. May grace, mercy & peace sustain you. May you go on conquering & to conquer this rebellion. We have gathered together two or three times a week for the last five months, to pray that the Lord might help you & all your soldiers, hoping that the Almighty would bless you in all your goings, & crown you with a crown of glory & a palm of victory. We never expect to meet your face on earth; but may we meet in a better world than this; — this is our humble prayer.

"Voted, That the Committee sign the Resolutions for us, — & that we request our Pastor Dr. Peck¹ to send them to Mr. Lincoln."

1 For more on this congregation and the resolutions, see S. Peck to Lincoln, January 1, 1863.

Jacob Robinson (by his mark)+

Daniel Mifflin^{""}+

Joseph Jenkins^{""}+

Jime Harrison^{""}+

January^{""}+

Harry Simmons^{""}+

Caesar Singleton"""+

Thomas Ford"""+

Kit GreenKit Green

Charles Pringle"""+

Peter White"""+

Elias Gardner"""+

Moses Simmons. """"